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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WITHIAM ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 8-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 8-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Papers Received

Receipt is acknowledged of the applicant's response, received on 14 September 2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Withiam *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,163,669, hereinafter Withiam I) is hereby withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Withiam *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0001794, hereinafter Withiam II) is hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The rejection of Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klein (U.S. Patent No. 4,388,301) in view of Withiam (U.S. Patent No. 4,557,916, hereinafter Withiam III) is hereby withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klein (U.S. Patent No. 4,388,301) in view of Ishida *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,041,265)

The Klein patent teaches a deodorizing acne treatment composition, which in one embodiment comprises calcium silicate in an amount of 2.00% by weight. The disclosed composition further comprises fragrance and water as a carrier (See Example IV). The composition has an advantage of absorbing facial oils to assist in treating acne (See Column 5, Lines 15-27).

The Klein patent does not explicitly disclose the formula of the calcium silicate or its properties.

The Ishida *et al.* patent discloses an alkaline earth metal basic silicate particle having a SiO_2/MO molar ratio in a range from 0.1 to 0.90 (See Claim 1). The silicate particles have an oil absorption property from 1 to 150 ml/100g and a median diameter from 0.1 to 20 microns (See Column 10, Lines 6-12).

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the silicate particles of Ishida *et al.* into the compositions taught by Klein. One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the oil absorption properties exhibited by the alkali earth metal silicates of Ishida *et al.* make the particles suitable for incorporation into the cosmetic compositions of Klein, as those deodorizing acne treatment compositions are disclosed as being useful for absorbing facial oils to assist in treating acne. As the Klein patent already discloses the use of calcium silicates in furtherance of this goal, one of ordinary skill in the art could use the silicates of Ishida *et al.* in place of these unspecified calcium silicates with a reasonable expectation of success.

With regard to the limitations of Claim 5, as the prior art has disclosed alkaline earth metal silicates having the same formula and substantially similar oil absorption properties, it is the position of the examiner that the limitations in that claim are met by the inherent disclosure of the prior art. Thus, the instantly claimed invention is prima facie obvious.

Double Patenting

The rejection of Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,163,669 is hereby withdrawn

The provisional rejection of Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8-11 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 14-21 of copending Application No. 10/185,673 is maintained

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 27 June 2006 have been fully considered and they have been found sufficiently persuasive to overcome the prior art rejections of record, as well as the nonstatutory double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 7,163,669. However, applicant's arguments with respect to the prior art rejections previously set forth are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection set forth above. The provisional double patenting rejection over copending Application No. 10/185,673 is maintained.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Simon J. Oh whose telephone number is (571) 272-0599. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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